THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI V. C. SHUKLA) : (a) No violation of the legal terms of the loan has been established by the World Bank.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Rehabilitation of people affected by Sardar Sarovar Project

1968. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in Indian Express of the 31st October, 1992 to the effect that World Bank has given India another six months to plan proper resettlement for lakhs of people facing displacement by the Sardar Sarovar Project;

(b) if so, the number of people rehabilitated so far and the number thereof still to be rehabilitated;

(c) by when the resettlement process would be completed; and

(d) the steps are being taken to resettle the people at the earliest ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI V. C. SHUKLA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) So far 5391 project affected families have been allotted agricultural land and provided other benefits in accordance with their entitlements as per rehabilitation and resettlement packages of the States. 24,753 families are still to be provided land and other benefits.

(c) The resettlement process would be completed by 1996-97.

(d) The State Governments of Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra have drawn up appropriate action plans for rehabilitation and resettlement of project affected families which is linked with dam construction and submergence schedule. The Narmada Control Authority is closely monitoring and coordinating the implementation of the rehabilitation and resettlement programmes in the three States.

Pilot Projects for Rural Elderly and Disabled persons

1969. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that pilot projects of the Samaritan Gramodharan Samity, Nilgiris for the welfare of rural elderly and elderly disabled persons proposed to be funded by Germany were referred by UNDP office in New Delhi to his Ministry for approval in June, 1992;

(b) if so, the salient features of these two projects and the quantum of German financial assistance offered; and

(c) whether necessary instructions to UNDP authoriteis were issued in time for release of funds for those projects and if so, the details in this regard and the reasons for the delay/refusal to the proposals received from UNDP office ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Project is proposed for a period of three years with the following objectives :—

(i) To promote the full participation of the elderly, especially the disadvantaged rural elderly, in social life and economic development.

(ii) To construct an old age home/service centre with a capacity to accommodate 30 elderly persons who are homeless and/or infirm.

(iii) To provide medical and social services to elderly persons in the rural areas.

(iv) To promote the integration of rural elderly as agents and beneficiaries of development through income-generating activities.

(v) 1,00,000/- Deutsche Mark.

(c) The proposal submitted by the Samaritan Gramodharan Samity, Nilgiris had been examined. The concerned organisation has been advised to furnish certain information for clearing the project. Further action in the matter can only be taken after the receipt of the requisite information from that organisation.